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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jerome Grant II

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Detailed Action

1.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Leach.

With respect to claim 1, Leach teaches a unit (the combination of devices 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 shown by figure 1) connectable to an apparatus (either of devices 26, 28 or 30) which includes an electric power source (any or the combination of devices 2, 3, 6, 8) comprising: a communication device 20, arranged to transmit electric power consumption information of said unit to said apparatus which includes the electric power source (see col. 4, lines 16-20 and 39-43); and a control device (12) arranged to effect control so that an operation mode of said unit is switched to a mode for reducing power consumption (col. 4, lines 11-14) in accordance with a control signal supplied from said apparatus (30, for example), according to col. 4, lines 7-20, in response to the electric power consumption information transmitted thereto by said communication device (col. 4, lines 18-25).

With respect to claim 3, Leach teaches wherein said communication device transmits information (programmed information, see col. 4, line 7) as well as communication data (see col. 3, line 64 to col. 4, line 3) obtained by said unit to said apparatus in addition to the electric power consumption information and unit.

With respect to claim 4, this limitation is inherent in that fax 28 uses an image pickup device to scan images for transmission.

With respect to claim 5, Leach teaches a control method of an unit (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22) which is detachably connected to an apparatus (26, 28 or 30) which includes an electric power source (any or all of devices 2, 4, 6 and 8) comprising the steps of:

Transmitting electric power consumption information (read unit 20) of said unit to said apparatus which includes the electric power source (2, 4, 6, 8); and effecting control so that an operation mode of said unit is switched to a mode for reducing power consumption thereof (see col. 4, lines 11-14), in accordance with a control signal supplied from said apparatus in response to the electric power consumption information transmitted thereto in the transmission step, see col. 4, lines 7-25.

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2.

Claims Objected to As Containing Allowable Matter

Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams, can be reached on 571-272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300

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